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## Public Utilities welcomes first business solar project

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – Riverside Public Utilities will be connecting the first non-residential solar rebate project in Riverside at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Utility officials will be at Monster Media Inc, 1515 Marlborough Ave, to "switch on" the first business solar project in Riverside to take advantage of the Non-Residential Solar Rebate Program. Monster Media received \$44,000 in rebates for their rooftop 14.6 kilowatt solar system.

Public Utility officials said that Monster Media is the first but definitely not the last business who will take advantage of the program.

"Monster Media has become an environmental steward in the local community," said Mike Bacich, sustainability officer with RPU.

According to the city's Green Action Plan, Riverside is striving to increase solar generation in the city to 1megawatt by 2015 (enough for 1,000 homes), and 3 MW by 2020.

"We're hoping to achieve that 1 megawatt this year with all the new solar customers coming online," said Bacich. "We're ahead of schedule."

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